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In re Application of :
MINAMITANI, et al. :
U.S. Application No. 10/595,407 :
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For: ELONGATED MAGNETIC SENSOR :

DECISION ON PETITION
(37 CFR 1.182)

This decision is issued in response to applicant's "Petition Under 37 CFR § 1.182 to Correct PCT Application Number" filed 15 April 2009 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) that seeks to correct the international application number on the national stage application papers filed 14 April 2006 so as to allow such materials to be treated as the U.S. national stage of PCT/JP2005/003843. Applicant has provided payment of the \$400.00 petition fee.

BACKGROUND

On 31 March 2009, applicant was mailed a communication detailing a discrepancy between the international application information entered during the electronic filing of the subject U.S. National stage application. Applicant was afforded two months to file a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to correct the international application number information.

On 15 April 2009, applicant filed the petition considered herein.

DISCUSSION

The materials filed 14 April 2006 included a Transmittal Letter (Form PTO-1390) and executed declaration of the inventors that identified the application as a U.S. national stage of PCT/JP2005/003843, filed 07 March 2005. The bibliographic data entered by applicants as part of the electronic filing identified the application as a U.S. national stage of PCT/JP2005/002843. Thus, applicants' 14 April 2006 filing included conflicting instruction that identified the submission as a U.S. national stage of two different international applications: PCT/JP2005/003843 and PCT/JP2005/002843.

Based on United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) processing procedures, the application file was initiated in the USPTO PALM system as a U.S. national of PCT/JP2005/002843, the international application number set forth in the bibliographical data provided by applicant when filing the electronic application.

In the present petition, applicant confirms that the listing of international application PCT/JP2005/002843 set forth in the bibliographical data provided by applicant was the result of a typographical error, and that the correct international application is PCT/JP2005/003843. It is noted that the correct international application number was listed on the transmittal letter and executed declaration filed 14 April 2006. The present petition is accompanied by payment of the required petition fee and properly identifies the application as the national stage of PCT/JP2005/003843. These materials satisfy the requirements for a grantable petition to correct the typographical error in the bibliographical data filed 14 April 2006 and to permit such materials to be treated as having been directed to international application PCT/JP2005/003843.

CONCLUSION

Applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is **GRANTED**.

The materials filed 14 April 2006 have been assigned U.S. application number 10/595,407 and will be treated as the national stage of PCT/JP2005/003843.

The application is being referred to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations for further processing in accordance with this decision including the mailing of a new "Notice of Acceptance" (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) indicating a 35 U.S.C. 371 date of 14 April 2006.



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